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# Besendorfer Honored as Outstanding Teacher

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MIDWAY—John Besendorfer, teacher of the Midway Elementary 4th grade class, has been chosen as the Outstanding Conservation Teacher of Utah, for the year 1984.

The award is presented by the US Soil Conservation Service as part of an effort to make youth aware of the importance of conservation.

Besendorfer has used his class as an instruction area in helping students understand the weather, and the effect it has on conservation.

The students maintained a weather station in the school yard, which helped with barometric readings, precipitation measurements, and temperature readings. The students also helped to measure the frost level for the conservation service.

"We had a part in teaching conservation and its working on the fourth grade level," explained Besendorfer.

All the measurements taken by the class were sent to the University of Washington where they were compiled and processed. There were lots of other, smaller projects that the class



**Conservation District Chairman Curtis Muir presents John Besendorfer with plaque honoring him as "Outstanding Conservation Teacher in Utah." Besendorfer won the award for his work with his 4th Grade class.**

had participated in throughout the year, but the weather station was the class project, and the biggest effort by far.

Besendorfer was entered into

the state conservation judging by the local conservation service. It is expected that he will be entered next year on a national level.



**HUSBAND**

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HUSBAND'S FATHER

## HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES

HUSBAND'S  
MOTHER

**WIFE**

**Born** \_\_\_\_\_ **Place** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Chr.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Place** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Died** \_\_\_\_\_ **Place** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Bur.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Place** \_\_\_\_\_

WIFE'S FATHER

## WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS

**WIFE'S  
MOTHER**

SEX
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## CHILDREN

List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth

Given Names	SURNAME
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**WHEN BORN**

DAY MONTH YEAR

**WHERE BORN**

TOWN	COUNTY	STATE OR COUNTRY
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DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE

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99	99	99	2

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**WHEN DIED**

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## LDS ORDINANCE DATA

**BAPTIZED** (Date)

**ENDOWED** (Date)

SEALED (Date and Temple)  
WIFE TO HUSBAND

HUSBAND	
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WIFE	
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**SEALED (Date and Temple)  
CHILDREN TO PARENTS**

## SOURCES OF INFORMATION

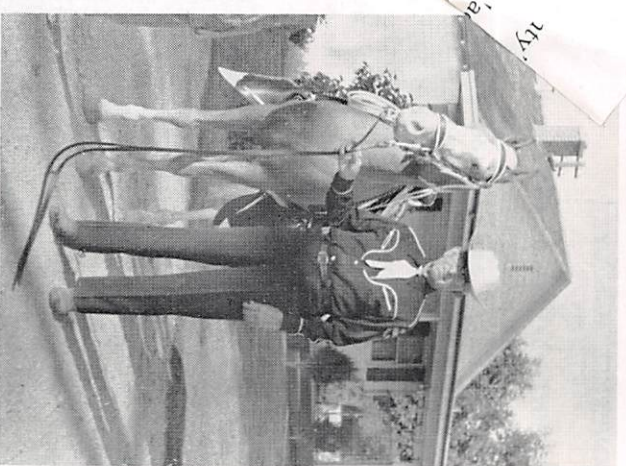
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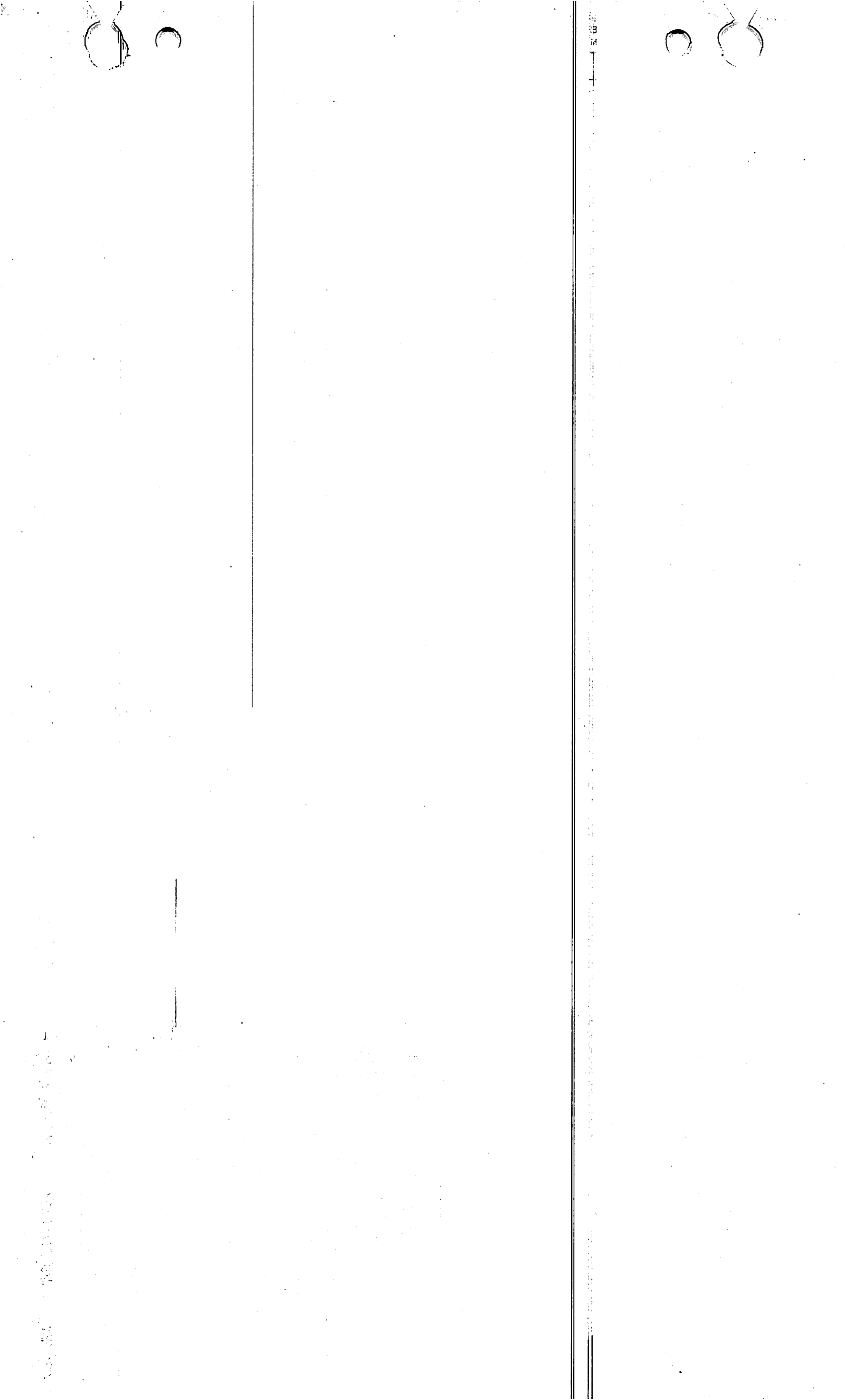


Charles E Bronson = teacher

Pictures of  
Charles E Bronson  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Milroy School  
Teacher  
Soldier Summit  
Teacher  
etc  
Horseman



Charles E. Bronson, now 86 years old, and still active with the Heber Riding Club, lead the Wasatch County Centennial Parade in 1959.



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Stockman  
Horseman  
Married Ruby Quinn Brinson school  
teacher Midway  
Missionary  
Married Alice Monson Bronson teacher  
in Midway  
Bishop Midway 1st Ward 12 years  
Stake High Council  
Town Marshall  
Irrigation Co.  
Town Board  
County Commission  
Road Supervisor  
Mutual Aid 35 years — Pres

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1. The first group of students (Group A) was assigned to read the text and identify the main idea of each paragraph. They were then asked to write a short summary of the text in their own words.

1. The first group of people who are not in the labor force are those who are not in the labor force because they are not in the labor force.

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of control and secretary-treasurer and editor-in-chief of the Utah State Historical Society. Fraternally he was junior steward in 1928, in 1929 senior steward, in 1930 junior deacon, in 1931 senior deacon and in 1932 junior warden of Progress Lodge No. 22, A. F. and A. M. He is a member of the Utah Academy of Sciences, the American Meteorological Society, and in religion is a Christian Scientist.

Mr. Alter has had many interesting contacts with the people and life of the intermountain country, and for years has been attracted to the rich historical materials of this section of the West. He set a high standard of historical narration, based on indefatigable research in his volume on James Bridger, trapper, frontiersman, scout and guide. He is also author of a volume of travels, *Through the Heart of the Scenic West*.

Mr. Alter married at Salt Lake City, in 1904, Jennie O. Greene. He has three sons, J. Winston, E. Irving and Marvin S.

**GEORGE N. CHILD.** Significant in initiative and constructive values has been the service rendered by George N. Child in connection with educational work in his native State of Utah, where he is now serving as superintendent of the public schools of Salt Lake City. His is the further distinction of having given a characteristically loyal and efficient administration as state superintendent of public instruction.

Mr. Child was born in Clover, Tooele County, Utah, February 11, 1869, and is a son of John J. and Elizabeth Child, sterling citizens who had pioneer honors as settlers in Utah. John J. Child owned a ranch property in the Clover district of Tooele County and there carried on live stock enterprise on a somewhat extensive scale. In order to afford his children better educational advantages than were offered in that community he removed with his family to Lehi, Utah County, in the year 1875, and he and his wife were honored pioneer citizens of that county at the time of their death.

George N. Child was six years of age at the time of the family removal to Lehi, and there he was given the advantages of the public schools of the period. He later continued his studies in the Brigham Young Academy, which was the nucleus of the present Brigham Young University, and in due course he was graduated in the normal department of this institution. Thereafter he advanced his education by attending the school of arts and sciences of the University of Utah, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In connection with his practical service as one of the representative figures in the educational circles of Utah he has since carried forward special courses in leading educational institutions in the following estimate of earnest service: "Mr. Child's success in his chosen profession has been largely due to the fact that he has ever been a constant student of education, bringing to bear practical experience in the solution of psychological and pedagogic problems."

The service of Mr. Child as a teacher in the Utah schools had its inception in 1890, when he assumed charge of a small school

at Midway, Wasatch County, where he remained one year. He then became a teacher in the schools at Lehi, where eventually he was made principal and later he served as superintendent of the schools of Utah County, one of the largest counties in the state. In 1911 he assumed the position of supervisor of the grammar grades in the public schools of Salt Lake City, where he was later advanced to the office of assistant superintendent of schools. In 1919 he was appointed state superintendent of public instruction, this preferment having come to him through Governor Bamberger, and it was after his retirement from the office that he resumed his service with the public schools of Salt Lake City, of which he is now the able and popular superintendent.

During his extended and varied experience as a teacher and educational executive, often with large responsibilities, Mr. Child has been closely associated with the growth and advancement of education in the state and nation. He served two years as president of the Utah Education Association, in the affairs of which he continues largely influential, and for three years he was state director for Utah of the National Education Association. In both of these organizations he has served on numerous committees and has occupied many positions of leadership. At the time of this writing, in 1931, Mr. Child is president of the Utah Association of Superintendents, of the National Horace Mann League—an auxiliary of the Department of Superintendents, and of the Superintendents National Rotary, besides which he is an active member of the National Council of Education.

The civic loyalty of Mr. Child has been on a parity with that attaching to his professional career, and his influence and cooperation have been given in connection with movements and enterprises projected for the general communal good. He is an active and valued member of the Chamber of Commerce of Salt Lake City and is chairman of its committee on education. He has membership also in the local Rotary Club.

Mr. Child married Miss Florence Wiles in 1890, and six children were born of this union, two of whom still survive: Florence, who married Donald S. Lambert, and Edyth, who married Kenneth Myers. Mrs. Child passed away in November, 1906. In 1908 Mr. Child married Miss Julia Alleman, and they have three children: Julia, John and Richard.

**FRANKLIN STEWART HARRIS**, president of the Brigham Young University at Provo, is a native son of Utah, and his people on both sides were pioneers of the state.

Doctor Harris was born at Benjamin, Utah, August 29, 1884, and his parents, Dennison Emer and Eunice (Stewart) Harris, were also natives of the state. His father was actively identified with the colonization work of the Mormon Church in Mexico, and much of the early life of Doctor Harris was spent at Colonia Juarez, where he graduated from the Juarez Stake Academy in 1903. In 1907 he was graduated Bachelor of Science from Brigham Young University and subsequently attended the Utah State

George  
N  
Child



## SIMON SHELBY AND LYDIA SMITH EPPERSON

Simon Shelby Epperson was born in Midway, January 12, 1871, the seventh son of Sidney Hiram and Mary Jane Robey Epperson. He married Lydia Melissa Smith April 4, 1890, at the Smith Grove in Midway. The marriage was later solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple. He died December 29, 1950, in Salt Lake City and is buried in Midway.

Lydia Melissa Smith Epperson was born in Midway August 2, 1873, the eighth child of Benjamin Mark and Elizabeth Agness

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Wood Smith. She died May 4, 1956 in Salt Lake City and is buried in Midway.

Simon graduated from the old Brigham Young Academy in Provo in 1892 and taught school in Midway seven years. He also served as secretary of the Midway Town Corporation and secretary of the Midway Waterworks and Irrigation Company. He was part owner of the Midway Drug Company and owned and operated the Midway Livery Stable. He was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served as ward clerk and chorister of the Midway First Ward under Bishop Coleman for seven years. He worked also in the Sunday School and YMMIA.

From 1906 to 1919 Mr. Epperson served as branch manager of the Studebaker Corporation in Heber. He was Sunday School chorister of the Second Ward, a member of the Sunday School Union Board and second counselor to David A. Broadbent when religion classes were first organized in the stakes. Moved to Silver City in 1919 where he was associated with the Iron Blossom Mining Company and Knight's Investment Company. He was first counselor to Bishop Jesse Haws and ward chorister. In 1924 he moved his family to Pioche, Nevada, where he was bookkeeper and assayer for the Bristol Silver Mining Company. Moved to Salt Lake City, Utah, in 1926 and became associated with the Park Utah Consolidated Mining Company and later the original Utah Woolen Mills. He was an active member of the High Priest Quorum in Marlborough Ward.

Though he traveled far from the place of his birth, his spirit always remained in the Wasatch Valley.

Lydia was an active member of the Church all her life. She came from a musical family and sang in the choir of every ward she lived in. She was a counselor in the YWMIA in the Midway and Heber

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Wards where she also worked in the Relief Society for twenty years. When the family moved to Silver City in May 1919 she was again active in church and civic affairs. She was called as counselor in the YWMIA and also taught Sunday School and religion classes. In Salt Lake Lydia was called to YWMIA and Relief Society work in the Fourteenth Ward and later in the Hawthorne and Marlborough Wards. She was a visiting teacher until ill health forced her to give up all of her activities and confined her to her home.

Children of Simon and Lydia Epperson included:

Jennie Agness, married Alvah A. Ross;

Vida Lydia, died in youth;

Simon Doyle, married Margaret Ellen Murdock;

Edith Rosedale, died in youth;

Juanita, died in infancy;

Erma Lavella, married Joel D. Hickman;

Frank Ross, married Cora H. Farmer;

Lillian Estelle;

Victor Robey, married Nellie Hachmeister.

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## JOSEPH BARLOW FORBES

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Joseph Barlow Forbes, son of Joseph and Sarah Ann Gilpatrick Forbes was born in Bangor, Maine, January 29, 1840. The family later moved to Boston, Massachusetts where Joseph received a liberal education in the schools there. During vacation time, he made several extended voyages to Sicily and around the Cape of Good Hope to India on board his uncle's ship.

When the Civil War broke out, Joseph enlisted in the Union Army and served under General George B. McClellan. He took part in the Battle of Bull Run and in the Peninsular Campaign. He was invalided out of the service in 1863 having been promoted to the rank of 2nd Lieutenant in the 2nd Maine Volunteers. Shortly afterward, he was assigned to military duty in California and sailed from Boston around Cape Horn to San Francisco. He served on the staff of General Bidwell as Adjutant General.

In the summer of 1865, he journeyed through Salt Lake City on his way East. Arriving in Utah, he met Brigham Young and was persuaded by him, to open a school in American Fork, Utah. Here he established the first free school in Utah and all of his remaining sixty-two years in the schools of that city with the exception of nine years in Colorado, one year in Weber County, two years at the LDS College in Salt Lake and one year at Midway, Wasatch County, Utah. It was while he taught in the Midway schools that he was baptized a member of the LDS Church by Elder John Huber.

In 1866 he married Nancy Dayton, the

marriage was later solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple. To them were born thirteen children, four sons and nine daughters. He was married to Mary Jane Gardner in 1879 in the Endowment House in Salt Lake City. They became the parents of eleven children, three boys and eight girls.

Because of his long service in the schools of American Fork, a school building was erected in his honor and a monument to him was placed in the city park. In 1921, hundreds of his former pupils from all over the state and nation joined together with his friends in celebrating "Forbes Day," paying him a tribute seldom equaled in any man's life time.

Joseph B. Forbes was not only active in education but also in civic and church affairs, holding many offices in his home town. At his death in May, 1927, flags on public buildings flew at halfmast. As the funeral cortege passed through the streets to the tabernacle, hundreds of school children lined both sides of the street, each placing a flower on his casket.

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## JOSEPH BARLOW FORBES

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Joseph Barlow Forbes, son of Joseph and Sarah Ann Gilpatrick Forbes was born in Bangor, Maine, January 29, 1840. The family later moved to Boston, Massachusetts where Joseph received a liberal education in the schools there. During vacation time, he made several extended voyages to Sicily and around the Cape of Good Hope to India on board his uncle's ship.

When the Civil War broke out, Joseph enlisted in the Union Army and served under General George B. McClellan. He took part in the Battle of Bull Run and in the Peninsular Campaign. He was invalided out of the service in 1863 having been promoted to the rank of 2nd Lieutenant in the 2nd Maine Volunteers. Shortly afterward, he was assigned to military duty in California and sailed from Boston around Cape Horn to San Francisco. He served on the staff of General Bidwell as Adjutant General.

In the summer of 1865, he journeyed through Salt Lake City on his way East. Arriving in Utah, he met Brigham Young and was persuaded by him, to open a school in American Fork, Utah. Here he established the first free school in Utah and all of his remaining sixty-two years in the schools of that city with the exception of nine years in Colorado, one year in Weber County, two years at the LDS College in Salt Lake and one year at Midway, Wasatch County, Utah. It was while he taught in the Midway schools that he was baptized a member of the LDS Church by Elder John Huber.

In 1866 he married Nancy Dayton, the

*Joseph B Forbes = Teacher*

marriage was later solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple. To them were born thirteen children, four sons and nine daughters. He was married to Mary Jane Gardner in 1879 in the Endowment House in Salt Lake City. They became the parents of eleven children, three boys and eight girls.

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In 1861 the family moved to Wasatch County, locating near Snake Creek. Moroni attended his first schools in Midway. By the time Moroni was 11 his father had decided to move to Salt Lake where he practiced medicine and the family prospered. Moroni's formal education ended when he was 14, but he never stopped studying, and in later years was a teacher for six years in Wasatch schools.

Early in August, 1870, Moroni suffered a severe attack of typhoid fever, which lasted until the end of September. This same fall the family moved back to Midway and had been settled only two months when Dr. John Gerber died. Moroni was the eldest of the three children at home and had to help his mother who was also ailing. As her health improved she was able to practice as a midwife and practical nurse to aid her family. Moroni took advantage of the family's hand loom to learn weaving and rug making as a means of supporting the family. He also worked in the timber and sawmills. At the age of 19 he and Isaac Jacob began working together hauling logs and timber from the mountains. They sold the lumber and built up credits at the mill in preparation for building their own homes. Moroni finished his in 1878 and immediately moved his mother and sister Adelia into the home.

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On December 4, 1887, Moroni received a call as a missionary in the Southern States, and was directed to be in Salt Lake City ready to go eight days later. Even though he was in debt, had nothing prepared for the winter for his family of four small girls, the oldest six, and there seemed other obstacles, he accepted the call and before leaving was able to clear up most of his indebtedness, plan for his family and have means to reach the mission field. Neighbors and friends took care of his land while he was away and through many resources his wife was able to carry on, so that when he returned there was no indebtedness and all was well. Friends even plowed his fields and planted his crop on his return home because of a period of illness he suffered for several months after returning.

About 1891 Moroni purchased 40 acres of ground about a mile south of Midway and moved his family there while he constructed a rock house in town. He did all of the building work himself, except for the masonry. In 1899 the family property in Midway was sold and the Gerbers moved to Uintah County.

Throughout the time Moroni and Emily Jane lived in Midway they were active in serving the community and Church. In 1890 Dr. Karl G. Maeser gave him a special call to organize the first Religion Class in the area. Through most of his adult life he was a Sunday School teacher, beginning his first class at 16. He served as superintendent, counselor, teacher and drama director in the MIA, and produced many plays to obtain funds for building and ward maintenance.

In Midway and in Uintah County Emily Jane supported her husband in his activities and cared for her family of 11 children. She was a faithful Relief Society teacher for many years. While living in Vernal Emily Jane became ill with cancer. She received constant medical attention, including treatment in a South Dakota hospital, but she ailed for 18 months and then died peacefully. Through her illness she was cheerful and her faith never wavered.

After his wife's death, Moroni and his family moved to Provo where the children attended school. He later moved to Mapleton in Utah County to farm, and then lived with his various married children.

During the winter of 1929 Moroni ful-

filled a six-month mission to the Southern States. He also spent much time in genealogical and temple work until ill health at 84 forced him to retire. He continued as actively as possible, and was able to dress himself almost until his death at the age of 87.

Children of Moroni and Emily Jane Gerber include:

Janet A., married to G. S. Bingham;  
Mable, married to Ralph Hacking;  
Jean Elinor, married to Ellis Merkley;  
Florence Rhoda, married to G. W. Richardson;  
Irvin Moroni, married to Aurilla McKeey;  
Stella, married to E. Ray Gardner;  
Ether Lyman, married to Cornelia Hanks and later Minnie Hicks;  
Fern Elizabeth, married to Bertrand Swain;  
Hugh Jacob, married Edna Elmer;  
John Wendell, married Mary Horricks;  
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Residents of Midway have always taken an interest in literature, and many of them have written for publication selections of prose and poetry of high literary and artistic quality.

The first writer to be recognized in Midway was Leo Haefeli, who left his native Germany in 1874 to come to America. He was employed as a journalist in Salt Lake City and Ogden until about 1889 when he came to Midway to teach school. During the year 1891 a severe diphtheria epidemic brought death to many Midway residents. Two of the victims were daughters of Mr. and Mrs. George Bunnell. Their deaths touched Prof. Haefeli and he wrote in tribute to them the following poem:

### LILY AND ROSE

There blossomed round your family tree  
Two flowers sweet and bright;  
The blushing Rose you there could see,  
The winsome Lilly white,  
And Love's close blending harmony  
Two sisters did unite.

A happy life's unclouded sun  
Their tender buds did greet:  
So harmless in their childish fun,  
In innocence so sweet,  
Where one in frolic gay would run,  
The other's smile you'd meet.

One morn saw Rose and Lily rise  
With health in hopeful bloom,  
Then over the two blended skies  
There spread one ominous gloom,  
And now two hearts most tender ties  
And sunk in grave and tomb.

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### HOW BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS

As budding Lily, blushing Rose  
Had grown on the same stem,  
Fair hopes of Future to disclose,  
Sparkling with Love's bright gem:  
Thus they were one in life's swift close,  
Death could not sever them.

Now lie they, soft in dreamless sleep,  
Two flowers without a thorn.—  
Do not in idle sorrow weep:  
Again they will be born,  
T'Eternal Height from Death's dark keep,  
On Resurrection morn.

Midway, February 7th, 1891—L. H.

Leo Haefeli taught evening  
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## SIMON SHELBY HIGGENBOTHAM

Simon Shelby Higgenbotham, son of William Elliott Higgenbotham and Louisa Ward Higgenbotham, was born June 20, 1839, in Burks Garden, Tazewell County, Virginia.

The Higgenbotham family were devoted members of the Mormon Church. In 1846 they were driven from their home in Nauvoo by a mob. They returned to their old home

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in Burks Garden, where the father died. Mrs. Higgenbotham came West with three children, Simon, Elizabeth Letitia, and Frances David. They reached Utah in 1864. The family first resided in Provo. Simon came to Midway to teach school. He and his family were devoted friends of the Robeys and Springers in Midway.

The Higgenbothams later moved to Ogden, where Simon and Francis became very successful merchants. Elizabeth Letitia married David Harold Peery, a very prominent man of Utah.

Simon Higgenbotham died January 4, 1889, in Ogden, Utah.



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Mary Magdalena Munz, daughter of Heinrich Munz and Elizabeth Munz. Both had same surname. Born January 26, 1843, at Dantzhausen, Canton Turgau, Switzerland. Died July 10, 1935, Midway.

John Huber immigrated to Utah in 1863, leaving Switzerland on May 3. The ship, Antarctic, carried 300 passengers and was on the ocean 49 days.

He crossed the plains with the Peter Nebeker Company, arriving on October 13, 1863. On October 18, 1863, John Huber and Mary Magdalena Munz were married at the Payson home of John Diem, with Bishop Fairbanks performing the ceremony. He was met at Payson by his mother and stepfather, Martin and Anna Elizabeth Naegeli, who had immigrated in 1861.

In the Spring of 1864 John Huber and his wife moved to Provo Valley, where the first settlers had come in 1859-60. They located in the upper settlement of Mound City. They lived in a log house near the old Schneitter home. A baby boy was born in October, but died, and was buried in the first cemetery on the hill.

In 1868 Mr. Huber and most able-bodied men found well-paid employment on the Union Pacific Railroad, approaching Green River. Many men brought home wagons, stoves, teams, etc. John Huber and Jacob Buehler operated one of the first saw mills on Snake Creek, west of the Provo River. Logs were hauled from surrounding mountains and sawed into lumber. In 1870 a house was partly built for the family when Mr. Huber was called on a mission to Switzerland. He left April 17, 1871 and returned July 4, 1874. He served as president of the Swiss mission. He helped to translate the

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Book of Mormon from the English to the German language and was editor of the Millennial Star.

The farm was located up Snake Creek. Soon after, the family moved from Snake Creek to Little Cottonwood where he worked as weighmaster at the stone quarry. The stones were loaded, shipped, and delivered to Salt Lake City for building of the Salt Lake Temple. Two years later Mr. Huber moved to Salt Lake, and later returned to Midway and the farm.

Mr. Huber was a prominent citizen taking part in most community projects of varied interests: He was a Black Hawk War veteran, agent for Wasatch and Jordan Valley railroad, census taker from 1880-1900, member of the school board for 24 years, secretary of the Midway Irrigation Company for 10 years, Justice of the Peace for two years, agent for crop reporting for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, teacher of a class in penmanship. He compiled a history of Midway Ward from 1859 to 1900, and took the school census.

Mr. Huber was an accomplished musician. He composed many poems and set the words to music. He organized a choir, a male chorus, glee club, and furnished music for church, conferences, ward entertainments, and funerals.

He was ward clerk for thirty years from 1878 to 1908 and was known for the almost perfect records he kept.

Mr. Huber built several houses in Midway, some of which are still standing. He and his family—sons, grandsons, and granddaughters—served 43 years in the mission fields.

Mary Magdalena was the third of five children in her family. The family was religiously inclined, claiming membership in the Church of the Reformation.

When Mary was seven her mother died, and she grew up with a step-mother, attending school and learning household duties. At the age of 20 she became intensely interested in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. With a close friend, Amelia Stumpf, she would walk a distance of eight miles to hear the missionaries preach.

Mary was baptized a member of the Church April 15, 1861. In the meantime, her brother Conrad and sister Bertha came to America, and she and her friend Amelia followed in 1863. They traveled by train to Florence, Nebraska, and then came by team

the rest of the way to Salt Lake. At Chimney Rock, Mary and Amelia were walking arm in arm during a heavy storm, when lightning struck them. Amelia was killed, and Mary knocked unconscious. She was revived and rode part of the way in a wagon after that.

The company, headed by John Huber, landed in Salt Lake September 24, 1863, and Mary went to Payson where her grandparents Naegeli had settled two years earlier. On October 23 she married John Huber and their first home was a large room where eight other people slept on the floor every night. John worked at a cannery in Payson.

In the spring of 1864 John and Mary moved to Midway, living with Dr. John Gerber and family.

During her husband's missionary service, his work in Salt Lake and all his labors in Midway, Mary stood by as a faithful wife and mother. She was a member of the first Relief Society in Midway, and served as a counselor to Elizabeth Wintch and also to Martha Bronson. She was an officer in the Relief Society for more than 20 years.

Mary maintained her home and farm on Snake Creek, where she died at the age of 93.

Children of John and Mary Huber are:

John Martin Huber, married Elizabeth Gertsch

Henry Albert Huber, married Margaret Abegglen

Mary Magdalena Huber Probst, married Jacob Probst

Emma Elizabeth Huber Gibson, married James Gibson

Eliza Otilla Huber Gibson, married Alexander Gibson

Matilda Huber

Nephi Huber, married Ann Bronson

Joseph Emanuel Huber

Ida Huber Abplanalp, married William Abplanalp.

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## JOHN MARTIN AND ELIZABETH GERTSCH HUBER



John Martin Huber, son of John Huber and Maria Magdalena Munz.

Born October 22, 1865, Mound City, Utah. Married Elizabeth Gertsch March 17, 1897, Salt Lake City Temple by John R. Winder. Died May 18, 1947, Midway.

Elizabeth Gertsch, daughter of Conrad Gertsch and Margaretha Gertsch. Born February 20, 1878, Wengen, Canton Bern, Switzerland. Died October 25, 1959, Midway.

John Martin Huber was born at Mound City, named because of many lime and stone formations. It was at that time just a few scattered log houses.

In 1866, because of Indian danger, the upper settlement, of which Mound City was a part, joined the lower settlement. The family moved to Fort Midway. They lived in a crude log cabin with a roof of dirt above and a floor of dirt below. The redeeming feature of the one large room was the big cheery fireplace in the south end. The cabin was located on the west side of the Fort, between the present homes of Brigham Wilson and Matilda Springer. Later the family built a new frame home at the corner where

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the Wilson home now stands. They lived here until 1876, when his father, who was employed as agent for the Wasatch and Jordan Valley railroad, moved his family to Cottonwood. About 1878, they moved back to Midway. The family settled at the ranch in Snake Creek and built the house which still stands.

John M. Huber was a farmer and he was never happier than when tilling the soil. Working without the aid of modern machinery, he grubbed the oak brush and cleared the land. He harvested with scythe and sickle. The major part of his life was spent in farming and stock raising. He was an ardent lover of outdoor beauty and found nature at her best as he watched the changing seasons on the farm in Snake Creek. Here in the summer he herded cows along the foothills of the mountains. When food was scarce, he gathered the plentiful Sego Lily bulbs. When time permitted, he pursued his favorite hobby of fishing in the snow fed streams and springs on the farm.

The winters at Snake Creek were cold with deep snow. Often the family was snow-bound. He always walked the three miles to town to attend church or school. During the winter months, the family moved to town so he and the other children could attend school.

His schooling commenced at Midway, with Mrs. Woods as his first teacher. Among his other teachers were Mrs. Alexander and Leo Haefeli. While residing in Cottonwood, he attended St. Mary's of the Wasatch. For two years, he attended the Brigham Young Academy at Provo from Christmas until April.

He was baptized by Conrad Abegglen, June 2, 1876 and was confirmed the same day by Robert Cunningham. He was ordained a deacon, June 5, 1881, by Bishop David Van Wagoner and a teacher by his father, John Huber, March 11, 1888. His father also ordained him an elder. He was ordained a Seventy by Apostle Frances M. Lyman, November 2, 1890, and a High Priest, October 26, 1919, by Joseph Fielding Smith, Jr.

He received a call for the Swiss German Mission and left October 8, 1891 after having received his endowments at the Manti Temple. He was honorably released November 11, 1893.

All of his married life was spent in Midway, with the exception of about seven

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years, when he was employed at the Daily West Mill in Park City.

He died at his home of heart failure at the age of 82. Just prior to his death, he and his wife celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Elizabeth Gertsch was born at Wengen, Canton Bern, Switzerland. Before she was old enough to go to school, her mother taught her the art of lace making. From early morning until night she worked. The finished lace was exchanged for groceries or sold to tourists who flocked to visit the health resort of Wengen, lying at the foot of the Jungfrau.

With all its breath taking beauty, Wengen was a difficult place to make a living. The grass on the steep mountain side had to be cut by hand with a scythe. The hay had to be harvested by hand. A small garden supplied fine flavored vegetables. Bread was bought from the store in Lauterbrunnen, Lauterbrunnen, located about four miles from Wengen, was reached by following a winding trail.

Her school days were happy days. Besides reading, writing, and arithmetic, she was taught to knit, sew, and crochet.

She was a member of the Lutheran Church, but became a convert to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, when Conrad Abegglen, a Mormon missionary from Midway, taught the gospel to the family. Because of the unpopularity and bitterness toward the Mormons and Mormonism, she was baptized in secret under cover of night, November 1890, by Brother Abegglen.

The family desired to come to Zion even though it meant making sacrifices. They put up their home, furniture and belongings for auction. The money received from the sale was not enough. Rather than wait until they could raise the remainder they decided to borrow it. With \$100 apiece to pay their fares and \$35 to take them to their destination, they left Bern, Switzerland, August 23, 1891, sailing from Liverpool, England.

When it became known about town that they were going to emigrate to America and cast their lot with the Mormons, the ministers from not only the Lutheran Church but all other denominations came to warn them against the Mormons and to plead with them to remain. They left their beautiful

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Wengen, their friends and relatives, knowing they would probably never see them again.

The journey on the ocean was not pleasant. Elizabeth was both homesick and seasick. After arriving in New York, there was the long and tiring rail trip to Echo. From here she traveled by wagon to Midway, arriving September 19, 1891.

After she arrived here she earned money by picking up potatoes, house work or any job she could find. For three weeks during the winter months she attended school. Attefall Wootton was her teacher. Later she went to Salt Lake City, where she was employed at the George Q. Cannon home and the Alram Cannon home.

After she was married to John Huber they lived in Midway for about three years then moved to Park City for about seven years when they moved back to Midway and remained there permanently.

In March 1947, she and her husband celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Two months later he died of heart failure. On February 22, 1958, she celebrated her 80th birthday with an open house for her family and friends.

For many years she served faithfully in Relief Society as the chairman of the lunch committee and as a Relief Society block teacher. During the past years she has been afflicted with rheumatism, finding it painful to walk. This has kept her homebound much of the time. During her leisure, she spends many hours piecing quilts, sewing and crocheting.

John Martin Huber and Elizabeth Gertsch Huber were the parents of eleven children: Clara, Eva, (Mrs. Reese Arthur Wilson) Martin, Alma, (married to Nettie Frances Smith) Marguerite, Matilda, John Henry, (married to Florence Joanne Garlick) Hattie, (Mrs. Reed Harmer Walsh) Edith (deceased) James Russell, (married to Margaret Meeks) Vera, (married to Jack I. Carlson).

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## IRA NORTON JACOB

Ira Norton Jacob, pioneer of 1848, born October 16, 1840, at Crooked Creek near Pilot Grove, Hancock County, Illinois, died February 9, 1906. A son of Norton and Emily Heaton Jacob. As a small boy of seven years, he came with his parents in the pioneer trek of 1848 to Utah, arriving in Great Salt Lake Valley, September 24, where the family lived for the next few years. Sometime during 1860 the Jacobs moved to Provo Valley, locating in the area of the Upper Snake Creek.

It was in Mound City that Ira met and courted Julia Jemeyma Gerber, daughter of Dr. John and Anna Maria Ackeret Gerber, pioneers of 1854. Julia Ann was born August 22, 1845, at Gravois near St. Louis, Missouri. They were married at Mound City, January 5, 1863, and began a happy life together. However, as Ira reported in his father's diary, "My dear wife Julia lost her life in giving birth to our first child. (March 26, 1864), whom we named Ira Julian. He only lived 16 days being born March 23, 1864, and died April 2nd." Mother and babe were buried in the same grave in what is called the "Upper Cemetery." This was a great sorrow for Ira, as well as other members in the small community, as gracious Julia Jemeyma was beloved by all who knew her.

Later Ira married Lovia Ellen Clift, daughter of George W. and Amanda Clift at Mound City March 27, 1865. Six children were born to them:

Ralph Clifton  
George Isaac  
Ira Edgar  
Ina Ellen

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John Ezra  
Oscar Norton.

Ira Jacob took an active interest in the Midway Ward and community. On March 11, 1868, he was appointed as second counselor to Sidney H. Epperson, who was Presiding Elder of Midway. In addition, he took part in dramatic entertainments. He was a veteran of the Black Hawk War serving as Captain of the Infantry Company of the Wasatch County Militia.

He moved with his family to Wanship December 31, 1880, then moved again to Ashley Valley.

He died at Loma, Mesa County, Colorado.



Larry was born and lived in Idaho until he was eleven, then his family moved to Bountiful, Utah. Janice was born and lived in Salt Lake City and raised in Bountiful. They both graduated from Bountiful High School. After High School, Larry served in the National Guard for six months, then went on a mission in the East Central States for two years. Upon his return they were married in the Salt Lake Temple. Larry graduated from Weber State College, majoring in Elementary Education. When Larry graduated from Weber, he and Janice had two children and one on the way.

They now have five children and lived in Bountiful and Centerville most of their married life. They moved to Heber about 6½ years ago. Larry teaches at Midway Elementary, works construction, and coaches Wrestling at the Middle School. Janice works part time for Dr. Tregaskis, D.D.S.

Tracy our oldest child is eighteen and graduated last year. She loves music, friends, school, and the Gospel. She has done well in school and always has been in the top 10% of her class. This year she was honored by the Lions Club and she received the Citizenship award. She was also the top Science Student this year. She received a scholarship to Weber College and plans to continue her education in the Medical Field.

Mike is very interested in sports. He has lettered 2 years in Wrestling and placed fourth at State this last year and third in Region. Mike also plays football. He does well in school. He has worked construction with his father since he was 10. He loves snakes, reptiles etc. He owned a Boa Constrictor for several years.

Marcy loves music and plays the piano. She loves friends, school and small children. She is a very tender hearted girl and deeply cares about others. She is very generous to her family.

Brian also loves music, acting, speaking, etc. He sang a solo in the school play last year. He made the honors chorus in the Childrens Chorus tryouts this year. He also likes soccer and small children.

Craig is very active. He loves all sports, bugs, reptiles, animals etc. He's happy if he is outside. All our boys love camping, fishing hunting etc.

Our family is grateful to live in this Ward and appreciate the strong good families that influence our lives.

LARRY Sept. 30  
JANICE Aug. 1  
TRACY Apr. 3, 1965  
MICHAEL Dec. 21, 1966  
MARCY Aug. 22, 1969  
BRIAN Mar. 18, 1972  
CRAIG Mar. 17, 1976



Richard Karl Klein was born on Feb. 1, in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Karl and Ella B. Klein. He was the 3rd of 4 children, 3 boys and 1 girl. He grew up in Salt Lake, where he graduated from West High School with honors.

He was called as a missionary to the Swiss-Austrian Mission, where he served as a Second Counselor to President Jesse R. Curtis. On his return, he married his sweetheart, Gayle Wagstaff, in the Salt Lake Temple. He then persued his education at the U of U, where he studied Engineering. He became affiliated with P.M. Engineers, where he was Vice President and later was named General Manager of P.M. Drafting.

His greatest joy and hapiness have always been in his family and the gospel. He has served as Counselor in 3 bishoprics, High Counselor of Wasatch Stake, Stake Mission President in the Butler Stake, Counselor in the Butler West Stake and Heber East Stake Presidencies. He is presently serving as President of the Germany Hamburg Mission.

Gayle Wagstaff was born May 22, in Salt Lake City, the daughter of Dwane A. and Hannah Wagstaff. Because of the death of her mother at age of 6, she was raised by her grandparents. They were always great examples to her and instilled a love of the gospel to her at an early age. She graduated from Cyprus High School in Magna, Utah, where a short time later she met and fell in love with her eternal sweetheart and companion.

When he was called on his mission, she waited for his return and worked for Mountain States Telegraph and Telephone Co.. She has served as Sunday School, Primary, and Young Ladies M.I.A. Teachers. She has also served as a Counselor in the Primary and Relief Society Presidency.

They have been blessed with 6 children. Jennifer, is married to Robert Merkley, and they have one son and live in Salt Lake City, Utah. Debbie is married to Greg Peterson and they reside in Provo. Leslie is married to Kent Rasmussen. They live in Aurora, Utah and have 1 girl. Rick is presently serving with his family in Hamburg and awaiting his call to serve a mission. Heidi and Michael are both in Hamburg and attend the International School. They are associated with children from all over the world.

Our life and family lives have been centered around the church, the Gospel, and the Savior. We are grateful to be able to serve and appreciate our membership in the church.

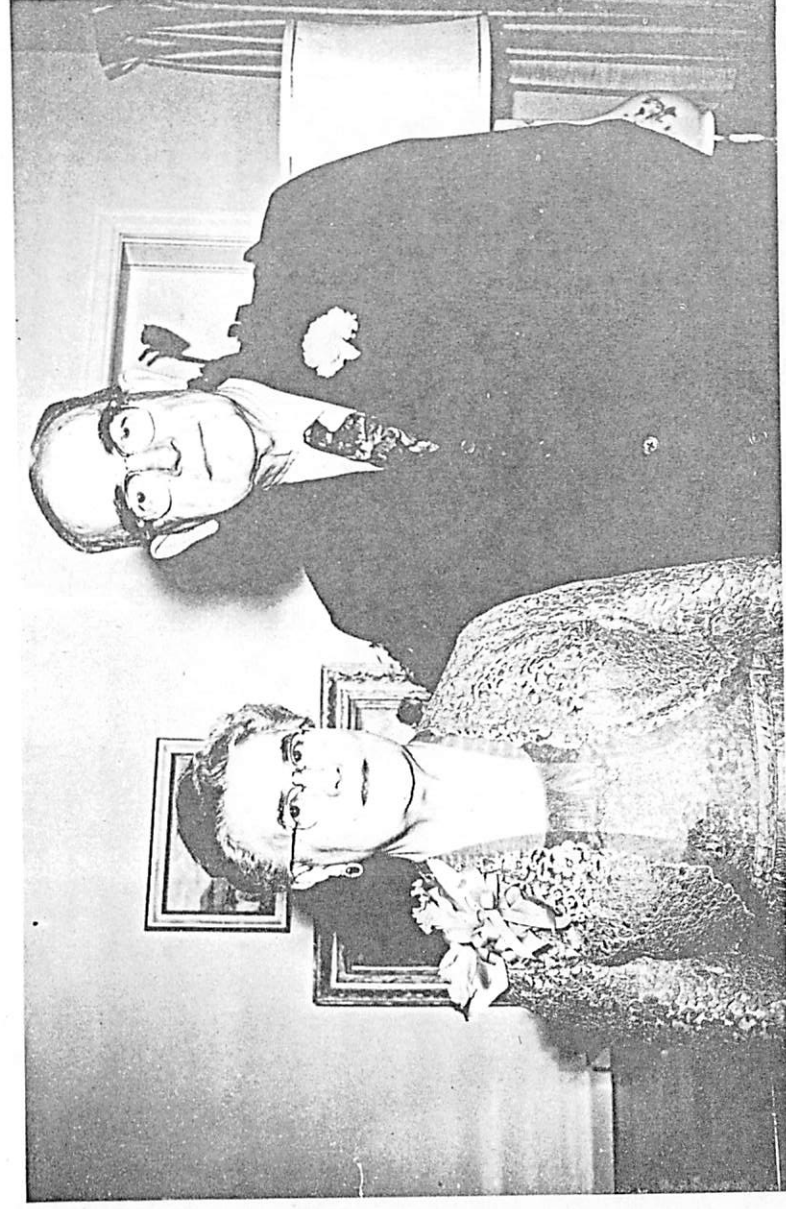
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RICHARD Jr. Jul.10,1965  
HEIDI Nov.20,1968  
MICHAEL Jul.31,1973



Ida Murdock Kirham  
Teacher

Oscar A Kirham





GOLDEN WEDDING PICTURES (MAY 25, 1954) OSCAR A. AND IDA M. KIRKHAM  
 Front: Ida Josephine Murdock Kirkham and Oscar Ammon Kirkham  
 Rear: Mother, Father, (inset Norman), Sons and daughters Grace, Ned  
 Jane, Rock, Carol, Mark, Kathryn.